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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yasuaki IKEMURA et al.

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For: MERCHANDISE ORDER APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF AND RECORDING

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on January 16, 2006. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 16, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.